

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Bradley C. Aldrich et al.  
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Customer No. : 57035

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 24, 2009, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 24, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from October 24, 2009 to November 24, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.